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March 19, 2004

Mr. Vernon Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K St. Room 504
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Ref. AB 33 (Sub No. 200X)

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Dear Secretary Williams:

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We are requesting 180 days additional time in which to complete our negotiations to acquire the soon to be abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Milepost 318.36 near Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa and Milepost 294.75 near Allison in Butler County, Iowa.

We are making arrangements for financing this acquisition but require additional time in which to complete these arrangements.

We are requesting the cooperation of the Union Pacific Railroad in continuing these negotiations and are sending, via FAX, copies of this request to the STB to Union Pacific's Chicago and Omaha offices. We are initially sending this request to you via FAX, with ten copies being mailed by regular postal service.

Your granting of this additional time in which to complete these negotiations will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan